

House Bill 690 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Houston of the 170<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To repeal an Act providing that the judge of the Probate Court of Cook County shall serve  
2 as chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Cook County, approved March 12, 1984  
3 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4090), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 25, 1996  
4 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 3609), so as to provide for the election of the chief magistrate of the  
5 Magistrate Court of Cook County; to provide for the filling of vacancies; to provide for  
6 submission of the Act for preclearance; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective  
7 date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Effective January 1, 2011, an Act providing that the judge of the Probate Court of Cook  
11 County shall serve as chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Cook County, approved  
12 March 12, 1984 (Ga. L. 1984, p. 4090), as amended, particularly by an Act approved  
13 March 25, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 3609), is repealed in its entirety.

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 The term of office of the chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Cook County in office  
16 on January 1, 2010, shall terminate on December 31, 2010. In the 2010 general election and  
17 in the November general election every four years thereafter, a successor to the chief  
18 magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Cook County shall be elected in accordance with the  
19 provisions of Code Section 15-10-20 of the O.C.G.A. for a term of office of four years  
20 beginning on the first day of January immediately following such election. Vacancies in  
21 such office occurring on and after January 1, 2011, shall be filled in accordance with the  
22 provisions of Code Section 15-10-20 of the O.C.G.A.

**SECTION 3.**

It shall be the duty of the governing authority of Cook County to submit this Act for preclearance under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, within 45 days after such Act is approved by the Governor or becomes law without such approval.

**SECTION 4.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

**SECTION 5.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.